Letters

Rustburg scouts sell cookies

It's cookie time again! The Girl Scouts of Troop 957 in Rustburg, Va. are selling cookies. We are trying to earn enough money for such trips as, the Worlds Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. in June. Thirty cents a package for each box of cookies sold will go to individual troops for their activities. Seventy-five cents a package goes to the council and seventy cents goes to the manufactures. So when a Girl Scout comes to your door selling cookies help us by buying some cookies.

Thank you,
Troop 957
Charity Goodman

Forestry charges answered

Dear Editor:

I wish to respond to the group of people concerned over the harvesting of timber and subsequent reforestation with faster growing pines in the State Forests. As a District Vice President of the Virginia Wildlife Federation and professional forester concerned with the conservation of our natural resources, I think the facts relating to modern, scientific forest management need to be stated.

The State Forests are mandated to be managed uner the principle of Multiple Use, whereby all the natural resources are considered, including wildlife, water quality, timber, soil, and recreation to name a few. The State Forest's managers do an excellent job of practicing sound Multiple Use Forestry. Research data will verify that these public lands are producing abundant, healthy wildlife populations; timber products including firewood, pulpwood, and sawtimber; clean water, and more recreation opportunities than ever before.

The State Forests receive no general tax dollars - they are self sufficient and must depend on the sale of forest products for most of their income. *We should be pleased that these forests are wisely managed with modern forestry techniques to insure the Multiple Use benefits are fully realized-not just profits from the sale of timber. The fact also remains that with modern forestry practices the replanted pine forests can produce 2 to 3 times more wood than nature can alone.

Be assured that management plans for an adequate mixture of both pine and hardwood forests are made and followed. Harvested areas are relatively small thus only a very small percentage of forestlands are harvested in any one year. Special consideration is given to prevent soil erosion during any forestry activities. Vigorus, healthy, well managed forests are also less susceptible to damage by insects, disease and wild fires.

A variety of habitat created by forestry activities is essential to abundant and varied wildlife populations. Harvesting of hardwood forests and the subsequent regeneration with faster growing pines is actually beneficial to many wildlife species. During the period of forest renewal wildlife habitat is not destroyed, but actually enhanced by providing more varied habitat and increased food production. The young sprout growth in the new forest provides excellent browse for deer. Abundant weed seeds, and insects provide food for many birds including wild turkey. Conditions for nesting and cover are also more readily available in young forest stands. A forest of either all hardwood or all pine is not the most desirable for wildlife. A mixture of varing forest ages and types insures the needs of many wildlife species will be met for food, cover, nesting, and rearing young.

Through careful planning, sound management practices and wise use the many benefits of our forest resource can be made available on a sustained basis. Virginians should be proud that our State Forests and many private forest lands are managed by people dedicated to scientific, environmentally sound, multiple use management of the renewable natural resources in their care.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with interested persons any of the information on forestry in this letter or provide educational materials on natural resource management. Simply contact me at Route 4, Appomattox.

It is the purpose of the Va. Wildlife Federation to promote proper management and wise us of our natural resources through conservation education. We encourage your interest and support for conservation through the wise use and management of all our valuable natural resources.

Sincerely,
David Coffman
Virginia Wildlife Federation
5th District Vice President

*From the gross receipts from the sale of timber 25% of these funds are returned to the counties in leiu of taxes.

Flea Market slated

The Oakville Ruritan Club will hold a flea market on the first Saturday of each month beginning a 8:00 a.m. on April 3. Buyers and sellers are welcome at the Oakville School, which is located 5 miles North of Appomattox on Route 26.

Selling spaces are available on a first-come basis and there is a $5.00 fee for each space. Buyers can enter free of charge and there is adequate parking and food available.

All proceeds received by the club are returned to the community for various community service projects.

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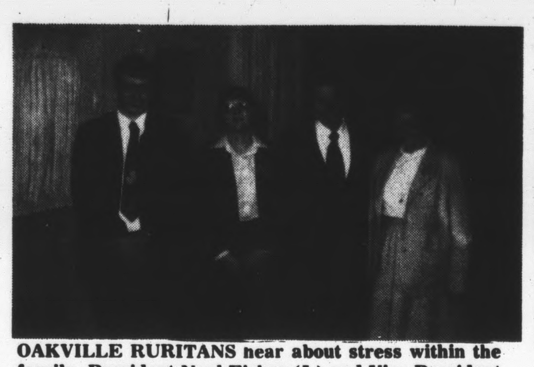

OAKVILLE RURITANS near about stress within the family. President Neal Fisher (L) and Vice President Cloud Abernathy (3rd Left) welcomed Mrs. Eva Moore (2nd Left) and Mrs. Virginia Babcock (R) to the March meeting.

JAMES R. VAUGHT (R) is welcomed into the membership of the Oakville Ruritan Club by Neal R. Fisher, club president. Mr. Vaught is minister at the Red Oak Baptist Church.

Ruritans get lowdown on family unit

What is a family? What is happening to families within our society? These are some of the questions addressed by Mrs. Virginia Babcock and Mrs. Eva Moore of the Appomattox Social Service Department at the March meeting of the Oakville Ruritan Club.

Families that are aided by the Social Service Department often face many problems at one time and there is no quick, simple solution to solving their problems. Aid is often in the form of financial aid, child protection service, referral and counseling and motivation of family members.

All families have to deal with stress, but in families where there is alcoholism, loss of job or health, or financial difficulties there is often an explosive atmosphere that may result in such things as neglect, adult and child abuse, or poor management of personal affairs. It is in these situations that Social Service workers try to not only aid in tangible ways, but to also show that someone cares and is willing to help individual members deal with stress within the family setting.

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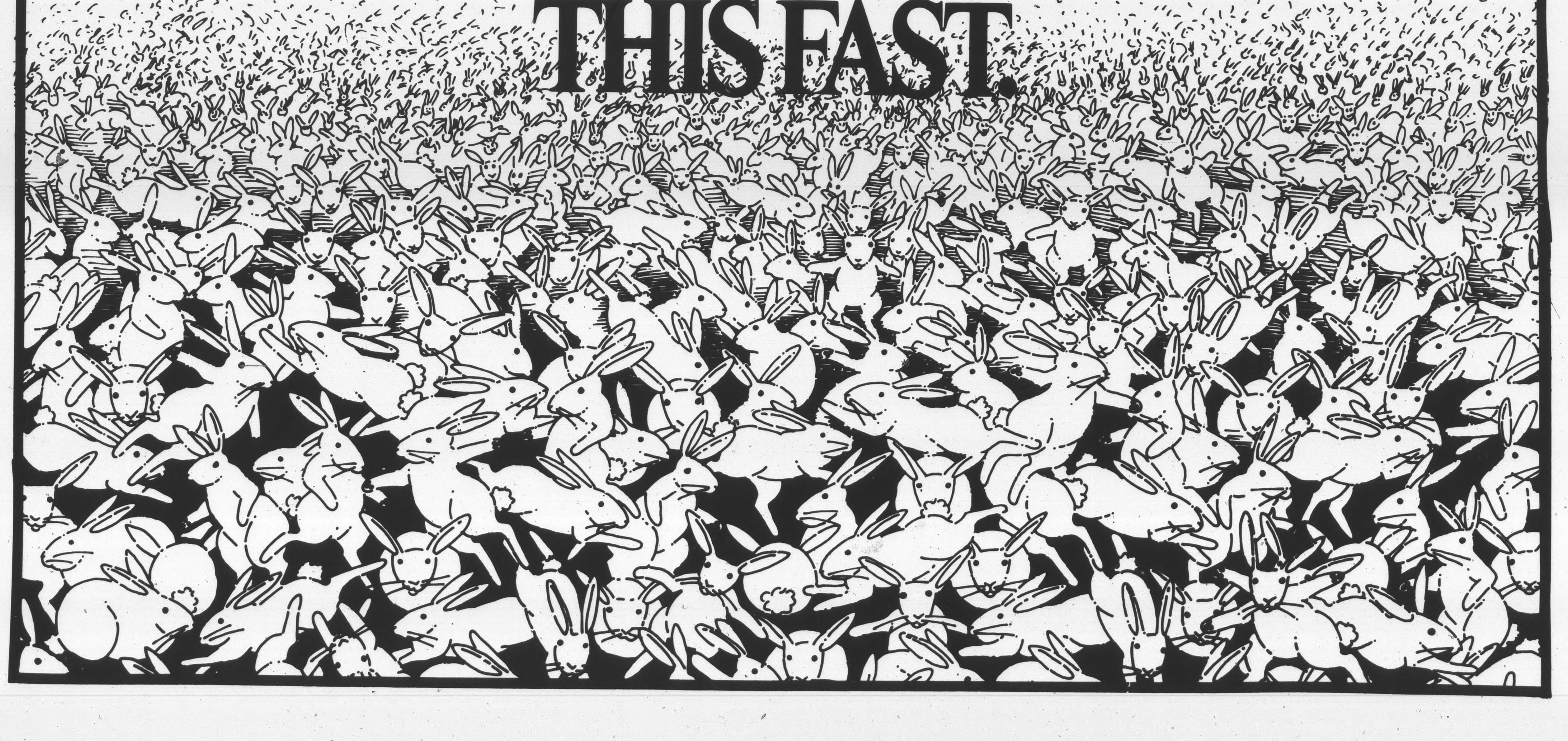

Arrests cited

Following is a list of some of the cases which have come before the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department since September of last year.

Sheriff J. E. Richardson notes that this list of cases, civil papers, DMV papers, levies, writs of possession, and complaints represents only a portion of the duties handled on a regular basis by the Department:

Jimmy Parlett was arrested on March 11 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with armed robbery in connection with an incident Dec. 12 of last year at Wheeler's Service Station in Spout Spring.

A juvenile was arrested Feb. 23 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a Feb. 22 B-and-E in which Ms. Helen Thompson was the victim.

James Timothy Johnson and a juvenile were arrested March 11 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with forgery in connection with a March 3 incident in which Mary S. Johnson was the victim.

Richard E. Nelson and a juvenile were arrested March 8 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a B-and-E Dec. 24 of last year at Whiting Oil Company (Citgo Service Station).

Virginia Beverly Lucretia Robinson was arrested Feb. 8 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with grand larceny in connection with a Feb. 8 incident in which Lavern Watts was the victim.

Two juveniles were arrested Feb. 16 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with trespassing and vandalism in connection with a Feb. 16 incident in which the Norfolk and Western Railroad was victim.

Paul Allen Woods was arrested Feb. 20 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with taking indecent liberties with a child in connection with a Feb. 11 incident.

Frazier Goodwin, Jr., Ricky Darrell Page, Billy Gene Bruce and a juvenile were arrested Feb. 25 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering, and larceny, in connection with a Feb. 16 incident at Appomattox County High School.

Johnny R. Carrico, Jr., Lonnie Clifford Carrico, Jr., Michael Anthony Hudak, and John David Bury were arrested Feb. 22 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with an incident Dec. 6 of last year in which Michael Swain was victim.

A juvenile was arrested March 13 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a Jan. 23 incident in which Wilson Guill (Store Number 2) was victim.

Marshall Miller, Lawrence Crank, and Earl Thornton Thomas, Jr., were arrested Dec. 29 of last year and charged by the Sheriff's Department with slaying a steer owned by James Bondurant on Dec. 24 of last year.

James Timothy Johnson was arrested Jan. 29 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with unauthorized use of a vehicle in connection with a Jan. 29 incident in which Moses Motor Co. was victim.

Charles Blackwell Jones was arrested Feb. 6 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with murder in connection with a Feb. 6 incident in which Thurman Eugene Jones was victim.

Michael Lee Morgan was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with breaking and entering and larceny by the Sheriff's Department in connection with a Feb. 21 incident in which the estate of Charlie and Hattie McFadden was victim.

John David Bury, Michael Anthony Hudak, and John Stephen Shull were arrested Sept. 18 of last year and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with an incident of Sept. 14, 1981 in which Dot Reynolds was victim.

John David Bury, Michael Anthony Hudak, and John Stephen Shull were arrested Sept. 18 of last year and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a Sept. 14 incident in which David Mason was victim.

John David Bury, Michael Anthony Hudak, and John Stephen Shull were arrested Sept. 18 of last year and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a Sept. 14, 1981 incident in which James Miller was victim.

John David Bury, Michael Anthony Hudak, and John Stephen Shull were arrested Sept. 18 of last year and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in a Sept. 14 incident in which Daniel O'Brien Russell was victim.

Several items have been recovered, although no arrests have been made, in a breaking and entering and larceny case recorded Jan. 28 in which Mamie Cullop was victim.

William Edward Dixon was arrested Nov. 11 of last year and charged by the Sheriff's Department with statutory rape in connection with an incident Nov. 11, 1981 in which a juvenile was victim.

A juvenile was arrested Dec. 13 of last year and charged by the Sheriff's Department with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with an incident Dec. 13, 1981 in which William Ayers was victim.

Irma Brownlee Lann was arrested Jan. 22 and charged by the Sheriff's Department with forgery and uttering in connection with a Dec. 18, 1981 incident in which Marshall's Department Store was victim.

Some items have been recovered in a larceny case recorded Feb. 16, in which Mattie Metcalf was victim. No arrests have been made in the case.

A vehicle stolen from Buckingham County March 9 was recovered in Appomattox County and returned the same day, according to the Sheriff's Department.

In addition, the Sheriff's Department served 154 papers for other counties, five papers for the DMV, 177 papers for Appomattox, one levy, and three writs of possession. During February, a total of 208 telephone complaints were recorded.

The Appomattox County Sheriff's Department has files on several other break-ins within the county which are under investigation at this time.

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Social Services

Child abuse examined here

Child sexual abuse has been described as one of the most insidious, emotionally ladden, and hidden forms of child maltreatment. It is a worldwide problem. It does occur in Appomattox. What can we do to help?

Citizens of Appomattox, we can take a first step towards helping by becoming aware of this existence and knowledgeable about this heartbreaking problem. Providing information on child sexual abuse and coordinating programs of prevention, intervention, and treatment of this problem are two project goals of the Appomattox Multidiscipline Team. This past December the Team locally sponsored a Child Sexual Abuse Workshop to which forty concerned Appomattox professionals attended. Following the workshop, an article on the overview of child sexual abuse appeared in the **Times-Virginian**. Additional workshops and news articles will be provided.

What is child sexual abuse? It can be defined as contacts or interactions between a child and adult when the child is being used as an object of gratification for adult sexual needs or desires. The child might be sexually abused by a parent, a family member other than a parent, a non related but significant person in the child's life, or a stranger. Most children are sexually abused by people they know and trust. These victims have no special characteristics, are of no one age, sex, race, or social class.

The most emotionally charged and socially intolerable form of child sexual abuse is incest, which is an overt sexual contact such as fondling, petting, masterbation, or intercourse between parent and child. There is some evidence that, without help, patterns of incest may be passed from generation to generation.

What are some of the effects of child sexual abuse? Immediate reactions are emotional pain, anxiety, guilt, shame, depression, and disgrace. There may be fear of rejecton, blame, punishment, or abandonment. This is an experience with which a child may not be able to cope physically, intellectually, or emotionally, thus an experience that interfers with the child's normal, healthy development. Incest is correlated with later prostitution, pronographic modeling, drug dependency, and a syndrome of feminine sexual incapacity. There is a prevalence of incestuous experiences in the childhood of parents who now have problems with physical and emotional abuse of their children. Some form of incest probably accounts for at least 1/4 to 1/2 of all cases of sexual offenses involving children.

The above mentioned sexual misuse of children is not to be confused with the non sexual necessary affections of hugging, kissing, and physical closeness of children with parents who are warm, kind, and tender. These experiences are conducive to the child's developing a healthy pride in himself and his parents, and they contribute to the child's future ability as an adult to be warm in marital and parenting relationships.

Citizens of Appomattox, we can take a second step towards helping by reporting child sexual abuse to the proper professionals. Intervention services of professionals aim to support and protect the abused child and to improve parents' and other primary care givers' capacity to respond appropriately to the child's needs. This is based on the premise that most children will recover from the experiences with sexual abuse when given support, protection, and nurturance by professionals and family members. Often, with professional help, the family can again function as a healthy unit.

Portions from **Sexual Abuse Use of Children**
U. S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

If you are a sexually abused child or suspect such a case, get professional guidance - contact Child Protective Services at the Appomattox Department of Social Services, phone number 352-7125.

Remember, ignoring child sexual abuse hurts everyone. Community concern and public support are essential!

Procedure teams compete

The parliamentary procedure teams of the Amelia Senior and Amelia Junior FFA chapters took first place in their divisions in the 47th Annual Area FFA Parliamentary Procedure contests at Randolph-Henry March 16.

Laurel Park Senior and **Appomattox Junior** teams were runners-up. Third place in the senior division went to William Campbell with Laurel Park Junior placing third among junior teams.

Named to the all-area senior team were President-Greg Maxey; Vice President - Scott Heuple; Sentinel - Maurice Pegram; and 1st Committee Chairman - Tony McMillion - all of Amelia Senior; Secretary - John Jones; and 2nd Committee Chairman - Glen Clowdis - both of William Campbell; Treasurer - Lawrence Woodson, Tunstall; and Reporter - Jerry Lovell, Laurel Park.

Four members of the Amelia Junior team earned all-area honors. They are: President - Brian Hayes; Treasurer - Janet Falkenstein; Reporter - Mandy Bakalar; 2nd Committe Chairman - Amy McMillion. Others on the team are Vice President - Andra Hunt, Halifax; Secretary - Tammy Smith, Laurel Park; Sentinel - Kenny Cheatham, Jefferson Forest; and 1st Committee Chairman - Ann Edmonds, Gretna Junior.

Parliamentary procedure is a Future Farmers of America leadership training activity. The contest includes opening and closing meetings, presenting reports and solving parlimentary problems extemporaneously.

The Amelia Senior and Amelia Junior teams will represent the 17-county Southside Area in the state finals at Randolph-Henry, March 20.

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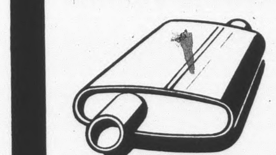

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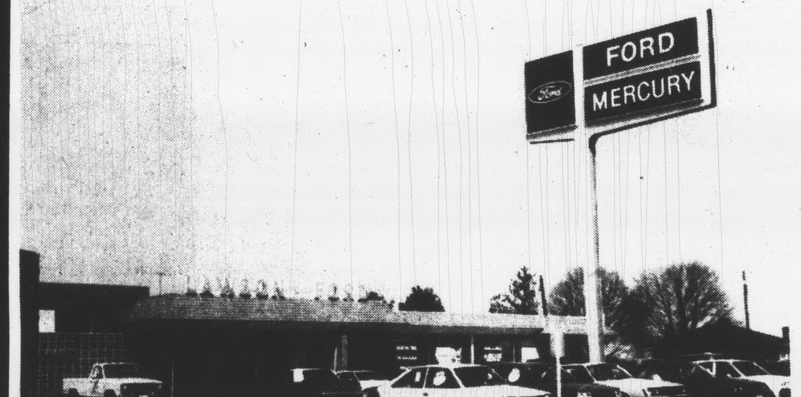

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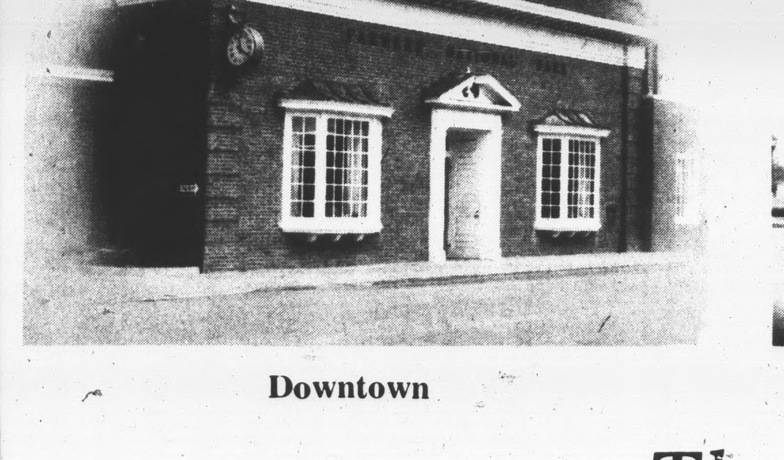

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